

Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle



Stewart supports scholarship fund

Pat Young
Frontline Staff

Everyone walked away a winner from Wild West Night held at Club Stewart Feb. 3, which featured western style card games, music, dancing and much more.

The event, sponsored by Officers Spouses Club was held to help raise money for the OSC scholarship fund. A program used to help provide financial assistance to family members of Soldiers to defray the cost of education.

As cowboys, cowgirls, apparent outlaws, lawmen, and other community members looking for fun arrived; they were greeted by images from the old west that included high stepping can-can girls, the Diamond Dog Coral and Jail, gallows, cashier cages, and rooms of adventure that featured western card games like Texas Hold-em, Blackjack, and Left, Right, Center.

Other attractions included an old-west photo area operated by Classic Photo of Hinesville, a first class buffet provided by

Club Stewart, and a top-notch silent and live auction.

The atmosphere was punctuated by the sounds of music provided by Johnny Cline of J and M Productions.

“For the winners of the tournaments we have two \$200 gift cards from AAFES, and for second prize we have \$50 gift cards donated by Wal-Mart,” said D’Lyn Hardy, co-chairperson for the OSC event with Paula Payne. “A lot of other local businesses donated prizes and items to help raise money and differ the cost of the buffet. And of course all the funds go toward the OSC scholarship fund. It’s all about helping our Soldiers.”

All the people who showed up to enjoy the festivities contributed to its success; so put hands on to helping out.

Paul Spence, a long time community member, retiree from the Directorate of Logistics and member of the local chapter for the Vietnam Veterans of America showed up in blue jeans and a gray cowboy hat to play some cards and help contribute

to the event.

Spence and his late-brother, Charlie had an art gallery off-post, where Spence had a collection of pictures, paintings and other works. Spence donated several pieces of art to the event to help raise money for the OSC scholarship.

“These are good people who do more than try to raise funds for family members to go to college. They, like the Vietnam Veterans of America, try to help the community. Every year they provide baskets for Soldiers at the Veterans Hospital in Dublin, Georgia. They’re good people.”

Spence said he wanted to help and added his carpentry skills to the list of resources available to the OSC event. He created the saloon doors to add a since or realism to the Western setting.

“We’ve had a lot of great people to help make this event happen,” Hardy said. “People like Denise Lutsky, Jennifer Vasquez, Therese Nelson, Melanie Dealman, Amy Martin, Jennifer Stewart, Gabriel as well as the Soldier volunteers.”

Hardy praised the contributions of the Soldiers who helped put it together and volunteered as facilitators and dealers.

Although the OSC has a general fund that goes to help Soldiers and their family members, the primary focus of the evening, echoed by many of the OSC members, was to raise funds to go into the scholarship fund.

“You have to be a dependent of a military person on active duty or the National Guard and attending an institution of higher learning,” said Gabrielle Winton, OSC scholarship coordinator. “The good thing about our scholarship program is that its available to both first time college students out of high school and spouses, not only who are attending undergraduates but also for their graduate degree. We have four different categories. The deadline to apply is March 14.”

“For more information about the scholarship, call 370-2880,” Winton said. “Or you can download an application by visiting <http://thesteelmagnolia.org>.”

The 2006 Combined Federal Campaign for Coastal Georgia Raised

\$796,176.00

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Federal Bureau of Investigation	U.S. Marshal Service
Food and Drug Administration	U.S. Postal Service - Savannah - Associate Offices
Fl. Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield	U.S. Probation Office
General Services Administration	U.S. Secret Service
Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary	Veterans Administration - Primary Care Clinic
Internal Revenue Service	

Visit: www.cfccoastalga.org or call 912.651.7717 for more information.

Celebrate 274th Georgia Day Monday

Special to The Frontline

The Georgia Historical Society invites the community to help commemorate the founding of the Colony of Georgia on Feb. 12.

The Georgia Historical Society will present a day of activities in honor of this significant moment in Georgia history.

Georgia Day 2007 begins with an invitation-only event for dignitaries, sponsors, and special guests that features greetings, introductions of historical characters, and recognition of those who have helped to preserve Georgia's history by creating named endowment funds at the Georgia Historical Society.

At 10:30 a.m. an estimated 5,000 elementary school students will join dignitaries, costumed characters, and local citizens in a colorful parade through the squares of Bull St.

The parade begins at Forsyth Park and continues north on Bull St., ending at City Hall where the Georgia Day Ceremony takes place at the intersection of Bay and Bull Streets.

The Georgia Day Luncheon follows the parade at 12:00 noon

in the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2 West Bay Street.

Since 1965, the Georgia Day Luncheon has been the signature event of the Georgia Days festivities and a highlight of Savannah's winter season.

Each year at the founding hundreds of Georgia's leading citizens gather at noon to celebrate Georgia's history, to enjoy a networking lunch, and to hear a keynote address.

The keynote speaker for the 2007 Georgia Days Luncheon is former University of Georgia head football coach Vince Dooley. Reservations for the luncheon are \$35 per person, or \$375 for a reserved table of ten.

Vince Dooley has been a distinguished and successful leader in Georgia for well over 40 years, and there is perhaps no one who is more identified with the University of Georgia.

Dooley holds a Bachelors degree in Business Management and a Masters degree in History, both from Auburn University. After serving in the Marines and as an assistant coach at Auburn, he was named head football coach at the University of

Georgia at the age of 31, a post he held until 1988. He served as Director of Athletics from 1979 to 2004.

Dooley is the most successful coach in UGA history, becoming only the ninth coach in NCAA Division I history to win more than 200 games, including one national championship and six SEC championships.

Dooley's community service and charity work are extensive, and he has been a standard-bearer for academic excellence. He has received numerous awards and honors, including a 1994 induction into the National College Football Hall of Fame.

Dooley travels widely in pursuit of his twin passions, horticulture and history. He is a member of the Georgia Historical Society and has conducted research in Savannah's Hodgson Hall — the GHS headquarters on the corner of Gaston and Whitaker Streets.

For more information on any of these events, or to make reservations for the Georgia Days Luncheon, please call (912) 651-2125 or email ghs@georgiahistory.com.

Pets of the Week



Butch, a 10-month-old rottweiler, and Angel, a domestic short-hair cat, are some of the many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter. The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes, and breeds in its care. If you are interested in adopting, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.



MWR Briefs

Learn Ju-Jitsu

Learn a Japanese combat art used by police and military forces, each Tuesday and Thursday, 6-7:30 p.m., at Caro Physical Fitness Center. The fee is \$45 a month. For more information, call 767-7090.

Feel the burn

Basic Endurance Aerobic Training, a new, high-intensity aerobics class based on the Army physical fitness program, is being offered 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. weekdays at Jordan Fitness Center.

Matting and framing class

A monthly matting and framing class is held the

first Saturday of every month, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The class is required to use the matting and frame shop at the Leisure Activities Center. Call 767-8609 to register.

Shop hours are Tuesday to Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Open recreation at Youth Center

Saturdays are open recreation at the Stewart Youth Center. First through fifth grades: noon to 2 p.m.; sixth to 12th grades: 2-8 p.m.

The Child and Youth Services membership fee of \$15 is required.

Call 767-4491 for more information.



AAFES PRESENTS

FEB. 8 TO 14



We Are Marshall

Feb. 8 — 7 p.m.

(Matthew McConaughey, Matthew Fox)

For decades, players, coaches, fans and families have come together to cheer on Marshall University's "Thundering Herd." For this team and this community, Marshall football is more than just a sport — it's a way of life. While traveling after a game in North Carolina, 75 members of Marshall's football team and coaching staff were killed in a plane crash. As those left behind struggle to cope with the devastating loss of their loved ones, the grieving families found hope and strength in the leadership of Jack Lengyel, a young coach who was determined to rebuild Marshall's football program.

PG (emotional thematic material, crash scene, mild language), 127 min.

Charlotte's Web

Feb. 9-10 — 6 p.m.

(Dakota Fanning, Julia Roberts)

Fern is one of only two living beings who sees that Wilbur is a special animal as she raises him, the runt of the litter, into a terrific and radiant pig. As Wilbur moves into a new barn, he begins a sec-

ond profound friendship with the most unlikely of creatures — a spider named Charlotte — and their bond inspires the animals around them to come together as a family. When the word gets out that Wilbur's days are numbered, it seems that only a miracle will save his life.

G, 96 min.

Night at the Museum

Feb. 10 — 10:30 p.m.

Feb. 11 — 7 p.m.

(Ben Stiller, Carla Gugino)

Good-hearted dreamer Larry Daley, despite being perpetually down on his luck, thinks he's destined for something big. But even he could never have imagined how big, when he accepts what appears to be a menial job as a graveyard-shift security guard at a museum of natural history. During Larry's watch, extraordinary things begin to occur.

PG (mild action, language and brief rude humor), 109 min.

Code Name: The Cleaner

Feb. 14 — 7 p.m.

(Cedric the Entertainer, Elizabeth Hurley)

Cedric the Entertainer plays Jake, a seemingly regular guy who has no idea who he is after being



Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule, but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel, or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 767-3069.

hit over the head by mysterious assailants. When he finds himself entangled in a government conspiracy, Jake and his pursuers become convinced that he is an undercover agent.

PG-13 (sexual content, crude humor and some violence). 84 min.

HEALTH W•A•C•H

Winn Army Community Hospital

Maintaining your children's dental health

Capt. Joseph S. Seiler, DDS*DENTAC Preventive Dentistry Officer*

February is National Children's Dental Health Month. One of the best ways to educate children about visits to the dentist and maintaining good oral hygiene is to familiarize your self with the fundamentals of pediatric dentistry.

According to the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, children should visit a pediatric dentist when their first tooth comes in or no later than their first birthday.

Oral health care should begin long before your child's first tooth erupts. Your baby's gums should be gently swiped daily with a piece of wet gauze or wet washcloth.

Once your child's teeth erupt, usually around 6 months, a small soft tooth brush can be used. Toothpaste is usually not recommended until the age of 2.

It is recommended that the parents' brush and floss their child's teeth daily to help establish good oral hygiene at an early age. Your child may need assistance or supervision until around the age of 6 or 7.

While the best protection against cavities is good

oral health, additional steps can be taken to help prevent cavities. Be sure to use toothpaste that contains fluoride.

When your child's permanent back teeth erupt, you should talk to your child's dentist about applying dental sealants.

Sealants are a plastic coating that covers the pits and fissures of the biting surfaces of teeth. Sealants are easily placed in the dental office — with no anesthetic needed.

If your child does develop cavities, you should take him/her to the dentist for an evaluation and possible fillings.

Do not be under the misconception that children do not need to have cavities filled because their baby teeth will fall out eventually. The fact is that children keep many of their baby teeth for a long time, and cavities can be painful. Also, the baby teeth save space for adult teeth.

Nutrition plays an important role in good dental health. Eating nutritional snacks and limiting the amount of sugary drinks will help to prevent plaque from forming on the teeth.

More information about oral health care can be found on the American Dental Association's Web site, www.ada.org.

Winn Briefs

Black History Month Celebration

Tuttle Army Health Clinic invites you to its annual Black History Month celebration program scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Feb. 22. Guest speaker will be the Honorable Otis Johnson, Mayor of Savannah, Alfred E. Beech High JROTC Color Guard, Savannah State University Wesleyan Gospel Choir, Ms. Sarah Rudolph Pollard and Gamma Chi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. The program will conclude with a traditional "soul food" lunch.

Courtesy Cart

The Winn Army Community Hospital courtesy cart is back in service and ready to pick you up. The cart operates 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday and will take you from the hospital parking area to the hospital entrances.

Winn/Tuttle observe holiday

Friday Feb. 16 is a MEDDAC training day and Monday, Feb. 19 is President's Day a Federal holiday. On Feb. 16 and Feb. 19, services at Winn Army Community Hospital will be limited to inpatient care and emergencies. Full operations will resume Feb. 20.

All services at Tuttle Army Health Clinic and the Hawks Troop Medical Clinic will be closed Feb. 16 and Feb. 19. Full operations will resume Feb. 20.

Let us know how we're doing

We need you, the community, to take our Winn Survey. Please stop by the Patient Representative's Office on the first floor of the hospital, suite CH32, to take our 5 minute computer survey about your visit at Winn that day.

Update DEERS to receive healthcare

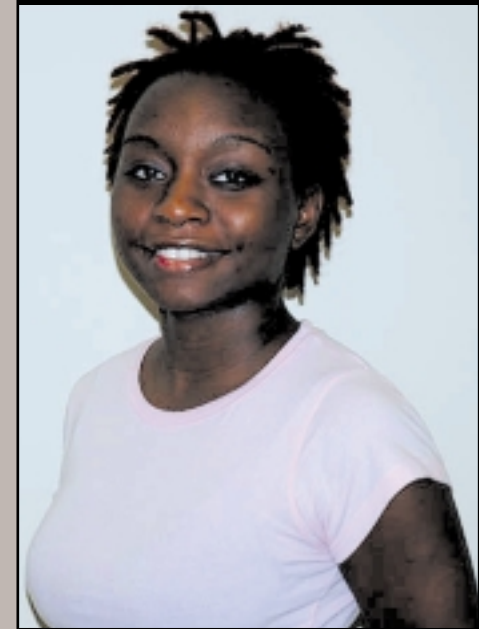
Beneficiaries must keep their DEERS information up-to-date or they may not be able to receive referrals, schedule appointments or access TRICARE Online. Winn Army Community Hospital and Tuttle Army Health Clinics use DEERS information to contact you regarding referrals and appointments. DEERS information can be updated by calling 1-800-538-9552, by visiting the DEERS Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/deers/default.cfm or stopping by Building 253 on Fort Stewart.

Obstetrics registration class

If you have had a positive pregnancy test, the obstetrics registration classes

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

KRYSTAL ANDERSON



Krystal Anderson of Camilla, Ga., is a Red Cross volunteer working in the laboratory at Winn Army Community Hospital.

Anderson volunteers to gain experience in a clinical laboratory and to offer her services wherever they are needed. Her interests and hobbies include continuing education, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

If you'd like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn, call Brigitte Roberts at 435-6903

will give you the opportunity to ask questions, take initial lab tests, create your OB medical records and schedule your first appointment with your health care team.

The classes are held at Winn Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

At Tuttle, classes are held Tuesdays at 8 a.m.

For more information or to register, call 435-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

Health screenings

Do you have a family history of high blood pressure, heart disease or diabetes? If so, stop in for a health screening.

The screenings take place every Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. in Building 308. The screenings are held on a walk-in basis.

For more information, call 435-5071.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

Jan. 21

• **Kaleya Love Brown**, a girl, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Sgt. Aubrey and Lakeya Brown

Jan. 22

• **Keenan Karl Stone**, a boy, 9 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Christopher and Tina Stone.

Jan. 23

• **Kamaria Aiyonna Allen**, a girl, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Pfc. Tangi Allen.

• **Benjamin Harison Shirah**, a boy, 9 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Spc. Alexander and Lori Shirah.

Jan. 24

• **Sophie Grace Corey**, a girl, 9 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Chief Warrant Officer 2 Matthew and Jessica Corey.

• **Anthony James Marone**, a boy, 9 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Pfc. David and Stephanie Marone.

• **Alora Grace Phillips**, a girl, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Michael and Shemariah Phillips.

• **Trista Marie Walker**, a girl, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Samuel and Christina Walker.

Jan. 25

• **Damien Malachi Ferris**, a boy, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Spc. Robert and Kimberly Ferris.

• **Avyuana Janicia Russell**, a girl, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Spc. Theodore and Geneveive Russell.

• **Carson Bradley Press**, a boy, 9 pounds, 2 ounces, born to 1st Lt. Elliott and Heather Press.

• **Amadika Marie Williams**, a girl, 6 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Spc. Robert and Shirley Williams.

Jan. 26

• **Abbigail Mae Knapton**, a girl, 8 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Pfc. Jennifer Knapton.

• **Kaylin Honora Renn**, a girl, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Pfc. Richard and Emily Renn.

Jan. 27

• **Allie Delilah Seals**, a girl, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Pfc. Troy and Julie Seals.

• **Abigail Dawn Nelson**, a girl, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. James and Melissa Nelson.

• **Cameron James Schultz**, a boy, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Staff Sgt. Jeremy and Angela Schultz.

Live the life of assurance, God has your back

Chap. (Maj.) R. Jay Hearn
2nd BCT chaplain

I remember the Amy Grant song that was popular in the 1980s: "Angles Watching Over Me." Amy sang about unseen

forces that made a drunk driver run out of gas before the car could reach her and other invisible times that the hand of God was clearly guiding and protecting her.

The song reminded us, in modern terms, how God and His Army of angels are at work today fighting for God's children.

Psalm 139 is my favorite Psalms and it also pronounces visible works of wonder by an invisible God.

It was written by King David. David was not only the king of Israel but he was a war hero with several "combat patches".

He earned his first patch as a young boy fighting the giant Goliath and he was a veteran of many other battles. David often went against huge foes, from a human perspective, yet with mighty God on his side he won

the victory. David wrote from experience about God's loving protection of his life.

In **Psalm 139**, verse five he wrote "You hem me in - behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me." David knew from experience God with a very personal touch often put a "hedge of protection" around him. This truth humbled David and he said in verse six; "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain."

David had a full life and lived to a good old age. He wrote many Psalms as grateful testimonies of God's hands on his life. What can we learn today from both Amy Grant and King David to help us during these seemingly trying times?

We may be facing Goliaths in our own lives that seem bigger than we can handle.

I am writing this article from the field as my unit prepares to deploy very soon to Iraq and many of us are having these same questions.

We must remember like King David knew from experience, that God is in control. The Bible speaks often of His fatherly love for us and as a father, I know that means God will go to great lengths to guide and protect the lives of His children. I also remember the TV show from the 1960s "Father Knows Best".

I know that God is able to see the big picture when I am barely able to see the hand in front of my face.

I need to trust my loving Heavenly Father and know that He has my best interest in mind.

I mention to the Chapel congregation recently, that like King David, I looked death clearly in

the face when I was twenty-eight. By the grace of God my life was spared, over time, I have learned a long life is not promised to all God's children. Because of my faith in Jesus Christ, I will be able to run into God's open arms when this life is over and then He will answer all the questions His son Jay has to ask.

Until that day, and who knows when it will be (I would really like to see my grandchildren grow up and my kids are all in their teens), I can live each and every day knowing that like David wrote in **Psalm 139**, God has placed a hedge of protection around me.

I can live each and every day with confidence, until that day He finally calls me home.

It is good to live a life of assurance, knowing the Lord has my back! May you also feel the hands of God on your life today.



CHAPLAIN'S
CORNER

Chapel Schedule

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Heritage	9 a.m.
Saturday Mass	Heritage	5 p.m.
Protestant		
Contemporary Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	Victory	11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
American Samoan	Vale	11 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	Heritage	11 a.m.
Kids' Church (K to 6th grade)	Across from Dia. Elem.	11 a.m.
PWOC (Tuesday)	Vale	9:30 a.m.
Islamic		
Friday Jum'ah	Marne	1:30 p.m.
Contact Staff Sgt. Aiken at 877-4053.		
Jewish		
Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 332-2084.		
Friday	Marne	11:30 a.m.

Hunter Army Airfield

Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	11 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday Service	Chapel	9 a.m.

Religious Education Contacts

Stewart and Hunter, Director of RE, Mike Iliff, call 767-9789.
Stewart Catholic RE coordinator, Beth Novak, call 767-6825.
Hunter Catholic RE coordinator, Pamela Perez, call 315-5440.

Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry Junior and Senior High Students!

Join us for free games and pizza
6:30 - 8 p.m. Sunday,
at Vale Chapel in Bryan Village.
For more information,
call 877-7207.



Kids Church

Exciting Bible Lessons

with music, puppets, videos, crafts, games

11 a.m. to Noon, Sunday

at School Age Services
(across from Diamond Elementary)

For all kids Grade K-6

Scheduled Bus Pick-up

10:15 a.m. - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

10:30 a.m. - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia, Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Victory Chapel

Questions?

Contact Chaplain Ric Thompson at 767-6831

Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

Black Heritage exhibition displayed

SAVANNAH — The 18th Annual Savannah Black Heritage Festival, presented by the city of Savannah's Department of Cultural Affairs and Savannah State University, will include a juried exhibition that is on display through Feb. 28.

The 2007 BHF theme is "Our Journey - A Story Unfolding." The theme celebrates the journeys of Africans and African Americans, and tells the ever-unfolding story of their courage, commitment, dedication and fortitude throughout an enduring path to freedom and justice - a path that has influenced the history and cultural heritage of America.

The 2007 festival is the eighth produced by Savannah State University and the 18th sponsored by the city of Savannah. All festival events are free and open to the public.

For more information, call the Savannah Black Heritage Festival message line at 912-691-6847.

Black history month music, dance

SAVANNAH — Ballet Savannah enthusiastically announces a collaboration of live music, choirs and dance to perform The Root of Dance. It is a celebration of Black History Month and the empowerment of the African American women that have impacted lives with success, change, and growth in America. The event, which will be held at Savannah Country Day at 2 and 8 p.m., Feb. 17, commences Ballet Savannah's celebration of Black History month. Please join us and experience "The Root of Dance," which will feature special guests from The Dance Theatre of Harlem. For more information call 912-352-7487 or email Balletsavannah@yahoo.com.

GSU arts season

STATESBORO — Here is the lineup for the Performing Arts Center at Georgia Southern University:

- **Saturday** — The Capital Steps. Based in Washington, D.C., this musical group is famous for its politically inspired and hilarious song parodies.

- **March 8** — Moscow Festival Ballet presents "Swan Lake." Founded by a member of the legendary Bolshoi Ballet, this troupe features the classic Russian style of ballet.

To buy a season subscription or get more information, call toll free (866) PAC-ARTS, or visit the PAC website at <http://ceps.georgia-southern.edu/pac>.

Pageant contestants sought

FLEMINGTON — The Miss Liberty and Miss Long County Forestry Scholarship Pageants is Feb. 24 at Brewton-Parker College in Flemington.

Contestants are being sought. The pageants are open to all contestants up to 16 years old. Contestants ages 17-24 must live, work or go to school in the county they represent.

Both pageants are preliminaries to the Miss Georgia Forestry Scholarship Pageant. Winners will get gold crowns, custom sashes, trophies and entry fees paid to the 68th Miss Georgia Forestry State Scholarship Pageant in June at Tifton.

The state pageant awards thousands of dollars in scholarships, cash and prizes each year.

For more information, call Rita Watson, director, at 368-6960 days or 876-2775 evenings. E-mail longforestry@yahoo.com or libertyforestry@yahoo.com.

Sing your heart out

The Greater Georgia Choral Chapter is looking for people who love gospel music and who want to do more than just listen to

it.

GGCC offers an opportunity to grow in the ministry of gospel music for adults and youth. Groups and individuals are welcome. Contact Wilma Gregg or Andre Gregg, at 912-368-4185.

Free dance lessons offered

Free ballroom dancing lessons are being offered at Club Stewart 7 to 9 p.m., the first Wednesday of every month by the Moon River Dancers Association in Savannah. It is for soldiers and their families.

Couples and singles welcome. No registration required, just show up and learn. Call 767-8609, for information.

Also, if you're into ballroom dancing and don't mind the drive, the Seaside Dance Association in St. Simons Island has dances every Tuesday and Thursday through the summer at Blanche's Courtyard starting at 7 p.m.

The association also hosts a dance on the last Sunday of each month at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel, in the grand dining room. Instruction starts at 5:15 and seating for the dinner and dance starts at 6.

For more information, call (912) 634-9527 or e-mail, [**SeasideDance@bellsouth.net**](mailto:SeasideDance@bellsouth.net).

View Native art

CARTERSVILLE — After a year on the road, male and female effigies created several hundred years ago have returned home to Etowah Indian Mounds Historic Site here. The nearly three-foot-tall marble sculptures had been part of the traveling exhibit "Hero, Hawk and Open Hand," showcasing American Indian art of the ancient Midwest and South.

The sculptures were found in mound C which was excavated during the 1950s and are among the finest pieces of ancient Indian art in the United States.

They were so well preserved that even the paint colors are still vivid today.

Today, visitors to Etowah Indian Mounds can see the original effigies while touring the museum and grounds.

Exhibits include ornamental pieces, a head-shaped rattle made of copper, pottery, weapons and dozens of other artifacts dating back as much as 1,000 years. Three main mounds remain, the highest standing 63-feet.

The historic site is six miles southwest of I-75 exit 288 in Cartersville. Admission is \$2.50 for children and \$4 for adults. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 2-5:30 p.m. Sunday. For information, call 770-387-3747 or visit www.gastateparks.org/info/etowah.

Chess, anyone?

STATESBORO — Adults and children alike are invited to play chess in the Statesboro Mall 3 to 5 p.m. every Sunday. Chess in the Mall is hosted by the Ogeechee River Scholastic Chess Association (ORSCA) and school chess clubs throughout Bulloch County. Go to <http://chess85.tripod.com> or e-mail j-lutz@enia.net or call 912-764-9770.

Local chess players are also trying to stir interest in the game around Hinesville. If you're interested in playing, and possibly forming a club, call 876-4715.

Savannah Cultural Events

Activities sponsored by the Savannah Department of Cultural Affairs include these ongoing events:

Every first Friday of the month

Folk Music by Savannah Folk Music Society, 7:30 p.m. Free at Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church.

The Arts at City Market Center, Upstairs, Jefferson & West St. Julian Streets, free 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Call (912) 232-7731.

Every first Saturday of the month

Adult and youth basic ballroom dance classes, by Moon River Dancers: 1 to 3 p.m. at W. Broad Street YMCA, 1110 May St. Admission is \$3 per person. Call 912-925-7416 or visit www.savannahusabda.org.

Every third Wednesday of the month

Open Mic Poetry Night - Signup at 7:45 p.m., Gallery Espresso, 6 East Liberty St. Call 912-233-5348.

Saturdays and Sundays

Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home Foundation tours 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays and 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays.

Located at 207 E. Charlton St. on Lafayette Square. Born in Savannah in 1925, writer, Mary Flannery O'Connor, lived in a Charlton Street house until 1938. Today, it is maintained partly as a memorial to her and partly as a literary center for Savannah. Literary activities are held at various times October through May, free. Call 912-233-6014.

Every Sunday

Oldie Goldies Sunday at the American Legion Post 500, 1716 Montgomery St., 4 to 8 p.m. Call 912-925-7116.

The Reel Savannah Film Group presentations, 7 p.m., Sunday evenings at the Lucas Theatre. Tickets, which are \$6, are available an hour before showtime.

Free year of golf

Georgia State Park Golf Courses have membership benefits that will cost you nothing. Become a Georgia Golf Internet member and you'll be automatically entered into quarterly drawings for an annual greens pass (a \$575 value).

Internet members receive benefits, such as discounts on green fees and pros shop merchandise, free range balls, free golf for your birthday, invitations to special events, a monthly newsletter and more.

And as a member, you'll be able to make tee times online. Register at www.GolfGeorgia.org. You may call 1-800-434-0982.

Visit Armstrong Arboretum

SAVANNAH — Armstrong Atlantic State University has an arboretum, which encompasses the 250 acre campus and displays more than 100 species of trees and 200 species of shrubs and other woody plants.

The Fern Collection, featuring 23 varieties of native and non-native ferns, is on the west side of Jenkins Hall. The recently completed Ginger Collection focuses on seven groups of ginger plants and is at the south end of Hawes Hall.

For more information or to schedule an educational tour, call AASU's plant operations at 912-921-5472.

Frisbee golf

ELBERTON — Disc golf may not get much coverage by sports writers, but it has a loyal following of fans who enjoy exercising outdoors while testing their throwing skills.

The typical course features 18 "holes" with challenges of trees, streams and other natural obstacles.

One of the most scenic and well kept disc golf courses in Georgia is at Richard B. Russell State Park in Elberton. While hiking between tee pads, players enjoy the rolling green scenery of this pastoral park. The cost is only \$2 for parking and \$1 per person to play.

After a fun game in the field, visitors can enjoy watersports on Lake Richard B. Russell, explore hiking and biking trails, or relax at numerous picnic spots throughout the park.

Overnight accommodations include lake-side cottages and shaded campsites. Richard B. Russell State Park is located 8 miles north-east of Elberton off Hwy. 77.

For more information, call 706-213-2045 or visit www.gastateparks.org.

Train in Southwest Georgia

Take a ride into history aboard the SAM Shortline Excursion Train. Riding in vintage railcars, passengers travel past scenic country farms, stepping off to explore quaint towns and fascinating historic sites. President Jimmy Carter's boyhood home, the Plains antique mall, an impressive telephone museum, and Habitat for Humanity's Global Village are just some of the attractions along the route.

The main depot is in Cordele, but riders may board at any stop, including Georgia Veterans State Park, Leslie, Americus and Plains. Cost is adults, \$20 and \$10 for children roundtrip. For a schedule and ticket sales, visit www.SamShortline.com or call 1-800-864-7275.

Georgia's natural springs

WARM SPRINGS — Georgia's state parks and historic sites host three natural springs that have helped shape the state and our culture.

The best known is **Warm Springs**. Emerging at 900 gallons-per-minute and 88 degrees year-round, one of Georgia's seven warm springs transformed a west Georgia town into a well-known stagecoach stop.

The town of Warm Springs was host to Georgia's high society during the early 1900s, and it became the vacation home of Franklin D. Roosevelt after he sought relief from polio in the warm, therapeutic water.

Just off I-75 in middle Georgia is **Indian Springs State Park**, thought to be the oldest state park in the nation.

The Creek Indians believed the springs had healing and invigorating qualities, and the town of Indian Springs became a bustling resort town from the 1820s until the Great Depression.

For More Information call 706-655-5870, or visit www.FDR-LittleWhiteHouse.com. For Indian Springs information, call 770-504-2277 or for Magnolia Springs State Park, Millen, call, 478-982-1660, or go to www.GaStateParks.org.

Backpackers lodge

AMICALOLA FALLS — With fall weather on the horizon it's time to start planning a hiking trip. Georgia's only backcountry lodge, The Hike Inn, is found at the end of a scenic five-mile trail beginning at Amicalola Falls State Park. Hikers are rewarded with soft beds, hot showers and hearty family-style meals.

Staff members proudly boast that the temperature rose above 90 degrees only once last summer, making the eco-lodge a perfect getaway for June, July and August. Rates begin at \$65/adult and include meals. For details, visit www.hike-inn.com or call 1-800-864-7275.

Guests are encouraged to call far in advance since weekends fill quickly.

Visit Georgia parks

Visitors to Georgia's 48 state parks can make online reservations for campsites, cottages, lodge rooms, picnic shelters and other facilities.

To get to the parks' new reservation center, operated by Maryland-based Spherix, click "Make a Reservation" on www.gastateparks.org or call 1-800-864-7275 (open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.)

Diamond exhibits historic effort

students vie to host

African Americans exhibit

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Diamond Elementary opened its doors to history Feb. 6 as an opportunity to host the "Freedom's Shadow, African American's and the United States Capitol" exhibit.

The display tells the story of how enslaved African Americans labored to build the nation's capitol in the 1790s.

"I believe the exhibit is important for the public to know because this information is scarcely a subject of discussion when visitors take tours of the the U.S. capital in Washington," said Felicia Bell, Director of Education and Outreach of the Capital Historical Society. "Its important to get this information out to the public via a traveling exhibit or publications or lectures, so we include African Americans in the broad scope of American History and in the scope of

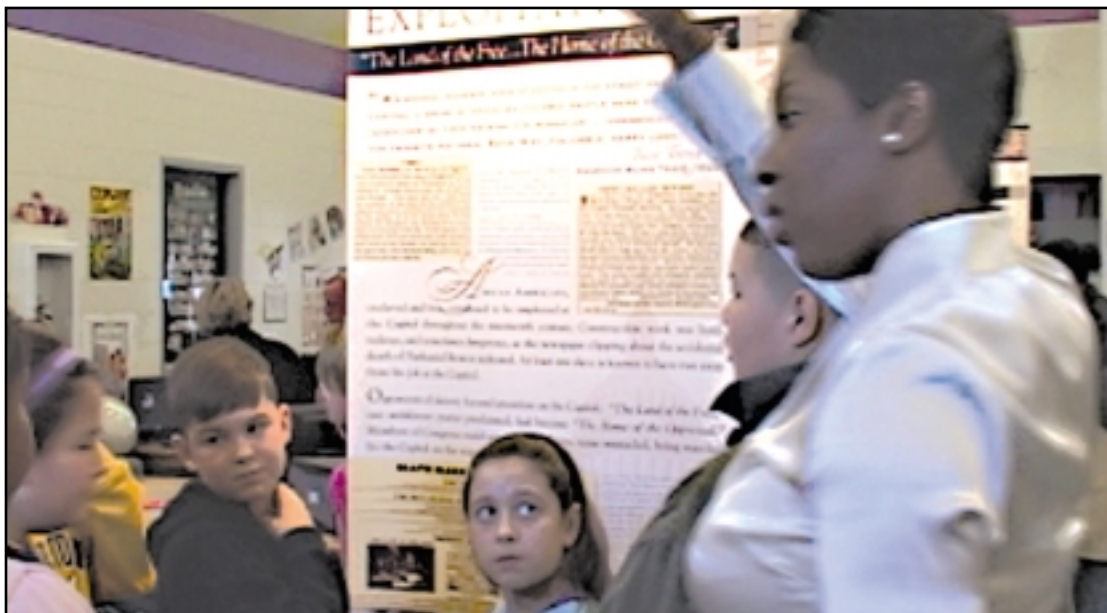
the history of the United States Capital."

One part of the exhibit showed how among the builders of the Capital were skilled black workers, both free men and enslaved. Among them were blacksmiths, bricklayers, and stone masons, Bell said.

The free black laborers always received payment although it was less pay than white laborers. The slaves only received pay if they worked nights, Sundays or holidays.

The title of the display was derived from a portion of a speech made on Nov. 18, 2003, by Georgia Congressman John Lewis: "For too long, Africans struggled in the shadows of America, as slaves, as sharecroppers, as the victims of Jim Crow, our ancestors lived in this great nation, but we were never quite part of it," according to Savannah State graduate Felicia Bell, curator for the traveling display.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about the exhibit can visit the website at www.uschs.org. Bell said a virtual tour of the capital is also online at the website.



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Felicia Bell, curator of the "Freedom's shadow, African Americans and the United States Capitol" explains the presentation to students Feb. 6 at Diamond Elementary.